



**City of Clayton
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2011
7:00 PM – The Center of Clayton
Meeting Room C**

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Topic		Notes
1. Welcome & Introduction of New Members	Mimi Deem	
2. Approval of Minutes	Mimi Deem	
3. End of Year Reports: -Shaw Park Tennis Center -Shaw Park Aquatic Center	Liz Hickox, Tim Hohenstein Jason Quinton, Patrick Magee, Chris Cholley	
4. Director's Report	Patty DeForrest	
5. Old Business/New Business	Mimi Deem	

Attachments:

Minutes – October 3, 2011
Shaw Park Tennis Center Year End Report
Shaw Park Aquatic Center Year End Report
2011 Facility Report

Notes:

Next Meeting: Monday, December 5, 2011

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, October 3, 2011

The Center of Clayton – Multipurpose Room C

The following members were present:

Ira Berkowitz Andrea Maddox-Dallas
Mimi Deem Omri Praiss
Marguerite Garrick Eric Schneider
Rosemary Hardy

Excused/Absent:

Brad Bernstein
Michelle Harris

Also present:

Patty DeForrest

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the September meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience: There were no addresses from the audience.

Ms. DeForrest announced reappointments to the Commission; Mr. Schneider, Mr. Berkowitz, and Ms. Hardy will serve for three more years. Their terms will end on June 30, 2014. Further, two new members were appointed by the BOA. Ms. Laurel Harrington and Ms. Melanie Tamsky will begin serving on the Commission in November.

Tennis Center Project: The contractor will begin working on a design for the Tennis Center this week. The project will go out to bid in January 2012.

Ms. DeForrest read a resolution to the Commission about approving the submittal of a municipal park grant application for replacement of the Tennis Courts in Shaw Park. The resolution included reasons why the Tennis Courts need to be replaced and the advantages of new courts. The grant request is for \$230,000, which is the maximum amount allowable for our city based on its population. (Please see the attached resolution for additional details.)

Mr. Schneider made a motion supporting moving forward with the Tennis Center grant application as stated in the resolution. Ms. Hardy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Director's Report

Artist Selection: The four artists will give presentations on either December 5 or December 12. Ms. DeForrest will notify the Commission as soon as the evening meeting date is finalized. Once the artist selection committee chooses the art piece for the Centennial Garden, they will make a recommendation to the CCF Board, the Commission and the BOA. The BOA will make the final decision based on the artist selection committee's input.

CCF – Clayton Centennial Book: The history section of CCF is working on a new history book for the 2013 Centennial celebration. The book should be completed by spring. A photographer has been hired to take photos of the City for the book.

Dog Park Survey: Ms. DeForrest stated that residents are beginning to receive phone calls advising that they will be receiving a Dog Park Survey in the mail.

The Dog Park survey results along with some other pertinent information will be looked at by the BOA. The Commission will have the opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions about the results.

Hanley Park Pavilion: Bids for the Hanley Park Pavilion came in significantly over budget. Ms. DeForrest is working with the two lowest bidders to see if they will lower their bid. If neither bidder reduces their bid, the City will make revisions and put the project out for bid again.

A Centennial Celebration Committee has been formed; Ms. Goodman is the chairman.

Board of Education (BOE) Summer Camp Meeting: This Wednesday the BOE is conducting a meeting to discuss summer camps. The Clayton School District (CSD) did a lot of research about camps. In the meeting they will talk about what direction to take with summer camps going forward. The SummerQuest program raised challenges, including financial and space constraints.

Program Brochure: Ms. DeForrest explained the current program registration process with the Commission and asked for their feedback about proposed changes, presented to her by staff. The consensus was to include the online start date in the previous brochure. Also, the group agreed it is acceptable to move the start date up a few days and allow a three day window for brochures to arrive in the mail.

Capital Improvement Program Plan: Ms. DeForrest distributed the proposed CIP program for FY 2012-2014 document. (See attached document for additional details) She stated it was very telling to see the cost of infrastructure over the next eight years. The city is invested in our parks and has acquired \$500,000 in the budget to fund park projects.

New Business/Old Business: Ms. Deem asked the Commission if there were any topics they would like to address in the future. No new recommendations were brought forth.

Ms. Berkley Gunther, a Clayton resident who resides in the Park Tower, asked a few questions about current and future happenings in the City. Ms. DeForrest provided her details about upcoming park projects, including the potential of an ice rink cover, Haddington Court FIMA buyout, and the landscape project in front of the ice rink. Ms. Gunther will present the information at an upcoming Park Tower meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Denise Ucinski



City of Clayton's November-December Special Events

Sunday, November 6 – Clayton Police Department Special Olympics Run: The 32nd annual St. Louis Half Marathon departs from The Center of Clayton's parking lot. Half marathon walkers start at 7:00 am. and runners begin at 7:30 am. The event also includes Clayton Police Department's Special Olympics 5K Run & Walk and .5-mile Youth Fun Run. Anyone interested in participating in the race can pick up a flyer in The Center's lobby or go online to www.stlouistrackclub.com. Please note that The Center will open at 9:00 am that day.

Thursday, November 17 - CCF-History Lecture Series: The Clayton Century Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports History, Arts, Parks & Sustainability in the City of Clayton, CCF-History Lecture Series begins at 7:00 pm at The Center of Clayton. Lectures are free and open to the public. Churches and Synagogues of Clayton and the Surrounding Area presented by Saint Louis County, Historian Esley Hamilton

Friday, November 18 - Movie Night: On December 20, 1946, the film *It's a Wonderful Life* premiered at the Globe Theatre in New York City, and sixty-five years later, Frank Capra's black and white movie classic is still a family holiday tradition. Join Really Big Coloring Books at The Center of Clayton for a free showing of the holiday classic. The event is from 6:30 pm-9:00 pm. The new *It's a Wonderful Life for Kids Coloring Book* will be available for purchase with proceeds going to the Clayton Century Foundation.

Friday, November 25 - Shaw Park Ice Rink Opening Day: Shaw Park Ice Rink will be open from 12:00 pm-10:00 pm on opening day, weather permitting. This year, opening day not only kicks off the start of the 2011-2012 Season, but begins the Celebration of 50 years at Shaw Park Ice Rink! To help get the season started; hot chocolate and treats will be available throughout the day to all patrons that visit on November 25.

Friday, December 2 - All That Glitters: This event is from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm. On Carondelet, near the Crescent, holiday merrymakers will be treated to free horse drawn carriage rides, Chestnuts roasting on an open fire, carolers and more! Fireworks will be set off at 8:00 pm from Shaw Park on the Brentwood side.

Friday, December 2 - FREE Skate Night with Frosty: Come visit the Shaw Park Ice Rink for a Free Skate Night with Frosty from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm. The ice rink is open to the public with complimentary admission and skate rentals. Frosty the Snowman will be on the ice with the kids! Stop by the warming hut for a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie!

Monday, December 12 – Artists Final Presentation for Artwork in Clayton's Century Garden: Final presentations by the four finalists will be held at Centene Auditorium. Each artist will give a presentation on their site-specific concept proposal for Shaw Park's Century Garden to the Artist Selection Panel. The Century Garden, an area located just inside Shaw Park's Brentwood Blvd. entrance, is an important gateway to the park. The selected artist will create a significant work of art for the space. R.S.V.P. is required to attend the presentations. Contact Patty DeForrest at 314-290-8464 or pdeforrest@ci.clayton.mo.us to make your reservation.

Thursday, December 15 – Hanley House Candlelight Tour: Join us for a truly magical night at the Hanley House for a 6:00 pm or a 7:00 pm tour. Make this your holiday tradition! Come to the Hanley House and enjoy live holiday music, costumed interpreters, candlelit rooms, and traditional holiday decorations. You will enjoy a special tour of the museum led by guides dressed in period attire. This is a special night that is not to be missed.

Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve Special Hours at Shaw Park Ice Rink: The Shaw Park Ice Rink will have extended hours on New Year's Eve to provide a great outdoor experience for family and friends of all ages. The rink will be open from 12:00 pm-11:00 pm that night. There will be hot chocolate, holiday treats, family friendly games and a wood-burning fire for everyone to enjoy. It is a great way to celebrate New Year's Eve and be home in time to ring in 2012